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SUBJ: LOS-GROUP OF FIVE MEETING ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

1. GROUP OF FIVE HEADS OF DELEGATION AND MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXPERTS MET AUG 23RD TO DISCUSS COORDINATED AMENDMENTS TO SINGLE TEXT AND TACTICS FOR EVENSEN MEETING. FRANCE DID NOT ATTEND MEETING AND WHEN SUBJECT MENTIONED TO FRENCH REP BERNARD ROUX, HE STATED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE GOF HAD NOT RECEIVED INVITATION TO MEETING, BUT THAT "IT WOULD NOT HAVE MATTERED ANYWAY, SINCE NO FRENCH RESEARCH EXPERTS WERE COMING TO THE EVENSEN MEETING".

2. SUBSTANTIVELY, THE MEETING FOCUSED ON PROPOSED US AMENDMENTS (REVISED VERSION FORWARDED SEPTTEL), AND TO LESSER EXTEND ON JAPANESE AMENDMENTS TO MSR TEXT. FOLLOW-  
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ING ISSUES RAISED DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION:

A. UK OBJECTED TO US AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I (DEFINITION OF MSR) AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE ARTICLE BE LEFT STRICTLY ALONE. THE U.S. FEARED THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF DEFINITION WOULD GIVE RISE TO OTHER "SENSITIVE ISSUES". USSR AND JAPAN CONCURRED WITH US AMENDMENT.

B. USSR FELT STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE A PROVISION IN THE MSR TEXT RELATING TO COASTAL STATE CONSENT FOR DRILLING OR THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. GROUP TENTATIVELY AGREED TO MODIFICATION OF PROVISION IN DOCUMENT L.19 WITH RESERVATION BY US TO CHECK OUT EXPLOSIVES POINT.

C. UK OBJECTED TO DELETION OF REFERENCE TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH JURISDICTION ON SHELF BYOND 200 MILES AND WAS SUPPORTED BY USSR WHO PROPOSED A REGIME CALLING FOR ONLY NOTIFICATION ON THE SHELF BEYOND 200 MILES. JAPAN SUPPORTED THE US AMENDMENT.

D. JAPAN RAISED ISSUE WITH PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE 16 REGARDING COASTAL STATE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING OF THE RESEARCH (16.A), AND THE PRACTICABILITY OF THE PROVISION REGARDING THE SHARING OF DATA AND SAMPLES (16.D). AFTER DISCUSSION, IT WAS AGREED NOT TO RAISE THE PARTICIPATION ISSUE, BUT TO BE PREPARED IN CASE OTHERS SHOULD DO SO. THE US TEAM WILL EXAMINE (16.D) WITH A VIEW TOWARD PREPARING A COMPROMISE FORMULA.

E. BOTH THE UK AND JAPAN RAISED A QUESTION AS TO THE DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN THE US AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 19. THEY FELT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANY DISPUTE WOULD ALWAYS BE SUBJECT TO ARTICLE 19 PROCEDURE PRIOR TO BEING SUBMITTED TO THE ARTICLE 20 PROCEDURE. US AGREED POINT WELL TAKEN AND UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE AMENDMENT TO GROUP AT LATER TIME. UK ALSO OBJECTED TO REFERENCE TO UNESCO AND US AGREED TO ALTER DRAFT SO AS TO LEAVE THIS REFERENCE OUT.

F. JAPAN PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO ARTICLE 24 PERTAINING TO THE FACILITATING OF PORT CALLS BY RESEARCH VESSELS WHICH WOULD HAVE GREATLY WEAKENED SINGLE TEXT. US AND USSR OPPOSED AMENDMENT AND ISSUE WAS UNRESOLVED.

G. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF TERMS "EXPLORATION" AND "EXPLORATORY RESEARCH". USSR MADE CLEAR THEY WISHED A DIVISION OF MSG RATHER THAN A DISTINC-CONFIDENTIAL

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TION BETWEEN MSG AND COMMERCIAL EXPLORATION. UK WAS LESS ADAMENT ON THIS PARTICULAR POINT, BUT WAS CLEARLY UNEASY WITH "EXPLORATORY" LANGUAGE, AS WAS JAPAN. HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO ALTERNATIVES OFFERED, AND GROUP DECIDED TO STEER AMORPHOUS GROUP TO A DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE IN ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE AT MORE SUITABLE WORDING. OTHER POSSIBLE TERMS EXPLORED WERE QUOTE RESOURCE RESEARCH UNQUOTE RATHER THAN QUOTE EXPLORATORY RESEARCH UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: MEETING WAS USEFUL IN THAT IT FOCUSED ATTENTION OF GROUP ON US PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, AND GAVE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. UK HAS CLEARLY ACCEPTED PRESENT SINGLE TEXT AND STATED THEY WOULD ACCEPT IT WITH NO CHANGES. IT IS LESS CLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL GO SO FAR AS TO OPPOSE AMENDMENTS MADE BY US OR OTHERS. USSR AND JAPAN ARE LESS COMPLACENT REGARDING TEXT, AND FROM ALL APPEARANCES THEY ARE WILLING TO COORDINATE WITH US ON AGREED AMENDMENTS. AGREEMENT REACHED IN GROUP ON MOST ASPECTS WITH BASIC STRUCTURE OF US PROPOSED NEW ARTICLES 14 AND 19 LESS CLEARLY ACCEPTED. TEXT OF US REVISIONS FOLLOWING EARLIER BILATERALS AND GROUP OF FIVE MEETING SENT SEPTTEL. DALE

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